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| Continuum of sexual behaviours by children and young people – HACKETT 2010 Children and Young People with Sexually Harmful Behaviours | |
| **Normal** | Developmentally expected. Socially acceptable. Consensual, mutual, reciprocal. Shared decision-making. |
| **Inappropriate** | Single instances of inappropriate sexual behaviour. Socially acceptable behaviour within peer group. Context for behaviour may be inappropriate. Generally consensual and reciprocal. |
| **Problematic** | Problematic and concerning behaviours. Developmentally unusual and socially unexpected. No overt elements of victimization. Consent issues may be unclear. May lack reciprocity or equal power. May include levels of compulsivity. |
| **Abusive** | Victimising intent or outcome. Includes misuse of power. Coercion and force to ensure compliance. Intrusive. Informed consent lacking, or not able to be freely given by victim. May include elements of expressive violence. |
| **Violent** | Physically violent sexual abuse. Highly intrusive. Instrumental violence which is physiologically and/or sexually arousing to the perpetrator. Sadism. |
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